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SUBJECT: SAUDI VISA REGULATIONS

REF: STATE 297928

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND OTHERS HAVE FILED LAWSUIT AGAINST SECRETARY AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS DECEMBER 17 TO ENJOIN FURTHER USG PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH SAG UNTIL SAG CEASES DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS OF JEWISH FAITH.

2. EXHIBIT A OF COMPLAINT IS DOCUMENT DATED JAN 5, 1950 WHICH STATES AS FOLLOWS: QTE. CIRCULAR. KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, MINES AND COMPANIES, 15/3/69, NO. 1727/224/1, SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SAUDI LEGATIONS TO ISSUE VISAS TO WHOMEVER THE INVESTMENT COMPANIES WISH TO BRING IN (THE KINGDOM), EXCEPT JEWS., THE RESPECTED REPRESENTA-
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TIVE OF THE ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, AFTER

GREETINGS: THE MAJESTIC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOTIFIED US OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE ROYAL DIRECTIVE APPROVING THAT THE LEGATIONS BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS - AFTER COLLECTING THE ESTABLISHED FEES - TO PERSONS WHOM THE INVESTMENT COMPANIES WISH TO BRING INTO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO WORK FOR THEM, PROVIDED THE COMPANIES GIVE AN UNDERTAKING TO THE EFFECT THAT THOSE FOR WHOM THE VISAS ARE REQUESTED ARE NOT UNDESIRABLE PERSONS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNDESIRABLE PERSONS INCLUDE THE JEWS. THEREFORE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY US AS USUAL OF EVERY FOREIGNER YOU HIRE AND TO INSTRUCT YOUR AGENTS IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS LEGATIONS TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UNDERTAKING DIRECTLY TO THE LEGATIONS. AS TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN WHICH HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS NO LEGATIONS AND FROM WHICH YOU BRING FOREIGNERS, YOU ARE TO SUBMIT THE UNDERTAKING, ALONG WITH THE LETTERS IN WHICH YOU REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THOSE PERSONS, AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF THE MANAGER OF THE COMPANY OR HIS DEPUTY. WITH KIND REGARDS. ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, TRUE COPY, (SEAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY), MT. T/M/T/, A COPY TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. UNQTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY ENDEAVOR DETERMINE AUTHENTICITY AND CURRENT APPLICABILITY OF ABOVE DOCUMENT. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY ENDEAVOR TO SECURE FROM SAG ANY CURRENT DECREES, DIRECTIVES OR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION DESCRIBING SAG POLICY RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS. ROBINSON

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